document, as advised by the MEA, was sent by the CBI to the MEA on 13.12.2002 which was finally forwarded by Embassy of India, Washington to US Department of State and US Department of Justice on 21.5.2003. The US authorities rejected the extradition request on various grounds including purported failure to meet the requirements of dual criminality, omitting to show probable cause or intent to commit the crimes with which Mr. Warren Anderson was charged, lack of knowledge of accused Mr. Warren Anderson of any deficiencies in the Bhopal Plant etc. The US Government also informed the Government of India that the request for extradition could not be executed because it did not meet the requirements of the provisions of the Extradition Treaty between India and United States. The CBI has informed that they have taken up this matter with the MEA again.

Commodities and Futures Regulator

324. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning a commodities and futures regulator to monitor the trade of commodities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the status of the proposal;

(c) whether Government have decided to ask Securities and Exchange Board of India to regulate commodities exchanges also, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) No. Sir. The Forward Markets Commission, which is established under the Forward Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1952 is regulating only forward markets, including futures in commodities.

(c) No. Sir

(d) Does not arise.